

United Students for Veterans Health

USVH is a student volunteer organization which seeks to bridge the generation gap by having UC students volunteer at nearby VA Hospitals. The organization website is www.usvh.org. Students in the organization visit hospitalized veterans every week for the purpose of alleviating the patients' loneliness and isolation. Activities include the pleasure of simple conversations with patients, as well as playing games, taking the veteran on walks, and other recreational therapeutic activities, in concert with the nursing and recreation therapy staff in the unit. Volunteers can also plan and implement special events for the veterans (e.g., Valentine's Day parties), and help with special recognition events at the hospital.

UCLA students who are interested in this opportunity to give back to our veterans, who have made our wonderful life in America possible, should contact Dr. Hank Wang at hswang@ucla.edu, as well as Voluntary Service (310)268-3534. Opportunities exist not only at the West Los Angeles Healthcare Center, but at the Sepulveda Nursing Home Unit as well.